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SUBJECT: AFGHANISTAN DESIRES SEAT IN THE UNDP GOVERNING COUNCIL

1. SUMMARY. ON JANUARY 23, THE AFGHAN MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS TOLD THE EMBASSY THAT AFGHANISTAN WOULD LIKE TO BECOME A MEMBER OF THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNDP AND REQUESTED THAT THE USG SUPPORT ITS CANDIDACY. END SUMMARY.

2. AT THE SPRING SESSION OF ECOSOC, AFGHANISTAN PLANS TO CAMPAIGN FOR ONE OF THE THREE ASIAN SEATS IN THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNDP. THESE SEATS ARE CURRENTLY OCCUPIED BY: INDIA, A MEMBER SINCE 1967; IRAN, A MEMBER SINCE 1972; AND YEMEN, A MEMBER SINCE 1976. THE AFGHANS THINK THAT THE INDIANS -- AND, PERHAPS, THE IRANIANS -- HAVE HELD THEIR SEATS LONG ENOUGH, AND KABUL WILL SHORTLY BEGIN TO SOLICIT THE SUPPORT OF VARIOUS ASIAN GOVERNMENT FOR THEIR CANDIDACY. THEY WOULD ALSO LIKE THE SUPPORT OF OTHER "FRIENDLY STATES, LIKE THE U.S." (PARALLEL APPROACHES TO OUR GOVERNMENT ARE
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ALSO BEING MADE BY THE AFGHAN EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON AND THE AFGHAN UN DELEGATION IN NEW YORK).

3. COMMENT: WE VIEW THIS CANDIDACY AS ANOTHER COMMENDABLE SIGN OF AFGHANISTAN'S DETERMINATION TO BECOME A MORE ACTIVE PARTICIPANT IN VARIOUS INTERNATIONAL FORA. WE THINK THE AFGHANS, WHO HAVE HAD LONG, EXTENSIVE, AND VARIED EXPERIENCE AS A

RECIPIENT OF BILATERAL AND MULILATERAL DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE,
COULD MAKE A WORTHWHILE CONTRIBUTION TO THE UNDP GOVERNING
COUNCIL; THEREFORE, WE RECOMMEND THAT THEY BE GIVEN US SUPPORT,
IF AT ALL FEASIBLE.
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